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Amendments to H.R. 928 — Improving Government Accountability Act

H.R. 928, the Improving Government Accountability Act (sponsored by Rep. Jim Cooper, D-TN), is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on Wednesday, October 3, subject to a structured rule ([H.Res. 701](#)), making in order the following five amendments, each debatable for ten minutes.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, except those regarding PAYGO and earmarks, waives all points of order against the bill itself, and allows the Chair to postpone consideration of the legislation at any time during its consideration. The rule allows one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Note: The summaries below are based on RSC staff's review of *actual amendment text* (and thus differ from what's on the Rules Committee website). For a summary of the underlying bill, see a separate RSC document released yesterday.

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AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

Conyers, John (D-MI). Removes a requirement that the Inspector General of the Department of Justice (DOJ) must refer allegations of misconduct by DOJ attorneys to the DOJ's Counsel of the Office of Professional Responsibility.

Davis, Tom (R-VA). Strikes language that would allow Inspectors General to submit their budget requests to Congress independently of their respective agency and OMB. Replaces the text with language that allows inspectors general to submit budget requests directly to Congress only when the agency's initial request would "substantially inhibit the Inspector General from performing the duties of the office."

Miller, Brad (D-NC). Expands the reasons that an Inspector General may be removed to include knowing violation of a law, rule, or regulation, gross mismanagement, gross waste of funds and abuse of authority. The amendment also requires that allegations of wrongdoing by an Inspector General be reported to the appropriate executive branch agency rather than the Integrity Committee. Requires that the Integrity Committee submit an annual report to Congress.

Miller, Brad (D-NC). Establishes a committee of Inspectors General of the Inspectors General Council to review nominations for the position of Inspector General and provide information to the Senate prior to the confirmation process. The committee could also be asked to conduct candidate reviews for agencies whose nominees are not subject to Senate confirmation.

Gillibrand, Kirsten (D-NY). Requires all federal agency websites to include a direct link on their homepage to the agency's Inspector General's website. The Inspector General's website would be required to include all reports and audits that the office has conducted and display the data in a searchable manner.